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SUBJ: MEETING OF GREEK, TURKISH AND CYPRIOT LABOR ORGANIZATIONS
UNDER ICFTU AUSPICES

1. THE GREEK GENERAL CONFEDERATION OF LABOR (GSEE)
HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN A MEETING
WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TURKISH LABOR CONFEDERATION,
TURK-IS, AND THEIR GREEK CYPRIOT AND TURKISH CYPRIOT
COUNTERPARTS TO DISCUSS THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CON-
DITIONS OF CYPRIOT WORKERS. ACCORDING TO GSEE SOURCES,
THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN BRUSSELS ON MAY 25 AND 26
UNDER THE AUSPRICES OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION
OF FREE TRADE UNIONS (ICFTU).

2. GSEE SECRETARY GENERAL CHRISTOS KARAKITSOS TOLD
EMBASSY OFFICERS ON MARCH 21 THAT THE GSEE HAD INDICATED
ITS AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING TO
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ICFTU SECRETARY GENERAL OTTO KERSTEN DURING HIS BRIEF
VISIT HERE ON MARCH 18. KARAKITSOS SAID THAT KERSTEN,
WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN IN ANKARA, PROPOSES THAT THE
MEETING DISCUSS THE REOPENING OF FACTORIES
IN THE NEUTRAL (SO-CALLED "GREEN") ZONE ALONG
THE CREASE-FIRE LINE IN CYPRUS AND ALSO OF NICOSIA INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT AS A MEANS OF CREATING MORE

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EMPLOYMENT FOR CYPRIOT WORKERS.

3. KARAKITSOS ADDED THAT WHILE IN ATHENS KERSTEN DICTATED
A PUBLIC STATEMENT DENYING THAT HE HAD MADE PRO-TURKISH
COMMENTS CONCERNING THE US ARMS EMBARGO AND THE STATUS
OF FAMAGUSTA WHICH WAS SUBSEQUENTLY INCLUDED IN A GSEE PRESS RELEASE.
THE GSEE HAD PROTESTED TO KERSTEN THE REPORT OF THE TURKISH
CYPRIOT RADIO STATION THAT KERSTEN MADE SUCH COMMENTS DURING HIS
VISIT TO ANKARA BEFORE COMING TO ATHENS.
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